

# Home Visiting Program

## New Jersey

**New Jersey Home Visitation Program** is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2014, home visitors in New Jersey:

- Made 72,044 home visits to 11,882 parents and children in 6,428 families
- Enrolled 5,414 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 21 counties across the state, or 100% of New Jersey counties

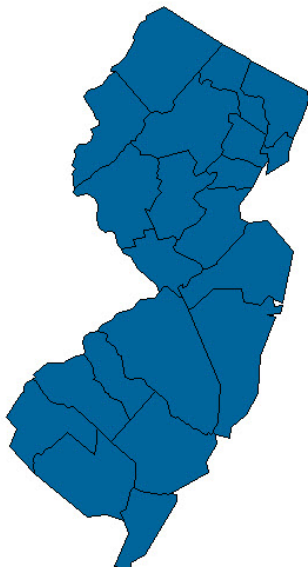
The Home Visiting Program in New Jersey:

- Provides cross-sector training to all early childhood systems
- Has strengthened interdepartmental partnerships to support statewide systems
- Has enhanced county level centralized intake systems
- Supports an interdepartmental early childhood training center

Like all Home Visiting Program grantees, New Jersey uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. New Jersey leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters](#)

**Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)\*:**



\*Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren

More about New Jersey:

[New Jersey Home Visitation Program](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 New Jersey Profile](#)

[Maternal & Child Health Measures and Grants in New Jersey](#)

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.